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REMARKS

Claims 20, 23, 24, and 26 – 28 are pending. Claims 1 – 19, 21 – 22, 25 and 29 – 31 have been canceled. Claims 24, 26 and 28 have been withdrawn. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the office action, the examiner indicates that the amendment of November 29, 2005 resulted in all claims being directed toward a non-elected species. In response to the examiner's comments, the subject matter of claim 28 has been removed from claim 20. Also, claim 20 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 21. Claim 21 has been canceled, and claim 23 has been amended to depend from claim 20 instead of claim 21.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



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